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MODULATORS OF DNA CYTOSINE-5 METHYLTRANSFERASE AND

METHODS FOR USE THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2003. Because the due date of May 18, 2003 fell on a Sunday, the response is timely filed on the next business day, Monday, May 19, 2003.

REMARKS

At pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of the application to one of 110 allegedly distinct inventions, corresponding to claims 26-48, drawn to a synthetic oligonucleotide comprising a 5mCpG dinucleotide, wherein the 5mC is a C-5 methylcytosine, and comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of TCACGTCA and SEQ ID NO: 1-4 and 6-110.

Applicants respectfully note that the Office Action appears to be in error with regard to the identification of pending claims. The Office Action asserts that claims 26-48 are pending. Applicants

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